

FIRST DINNER TO JEFFERSON

Took Place 74 Years Ago at
Indian Queen Tavern.

HUNDRED AND FIFTY GUESTS

Celebrated Meeting of Most Prominent
Men of the Nation—Jackson and
Cabinet There.

Loyal Democrats will gather in various parts of the country tonight to pay homage to their nation's saint, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and founder of the Democratic party, who was born one hundred and sixty-one years ago today.

For nearly three-quarters of a century since the death of Jefferson, it has been the practice of those who accept the political doctrines and principles which he taught to assemble about the banquet board, and with speech, and song, and feast to honor to his memory. Sometimes the political celebration has been held in the city, sometimes in another, but there has generally been one place where Democrats of national prominence have gathered to commemorate the birthday of the founder of their party.

There have also always been lesser celebrations so that from one end of the country to the other there has, on the night of April 13 in each year, resounded a cheer for the Sage of Monticello.

Custom in Washington.

The custom of Jeffersonian dinners was inaugurated in Washington seventy-four years ago today, when the first dinner to honor the memory of Thomas Jefferson was held. The feast on April 13, 1830, four years after Jefferson's death, and the most prominent Democrats of the nation were in attendance, including President Andrew Jackson and all the members of his Cabinet. The dinner was a subscription affair, and took place at the Indian Queen Tavern, which stood upon the site of the present Metropolitan Hotel. The "Tavern" was afterward enlarged and known as Brown's Hotel, and still later torn down and the present Metropolitan erected.

On the morning of April 13, 1830, there appeared in the "Daily National Intelligencer," of Washington, the following advertisement:

"BIRTHDAY OF JEFFERSON.

"This day, April 13, 1830, the anniversary of the birth of the author of the Declaration of Independence, will be celebrated at the Indian Queen Tavern this day, 13th April.

"Committee of arrangements—Messrs. Hayne of Georgia, Deane of Tennessee, Hubbard of New Hampshire, Hinds of Mississippi, Miller of Pennsylvania.

"Committee of invitations—Messrs. White of Tennessee, Hayne of South Carolina, Wood of New Hampshire, Hall of North Carolina, Van Buren of New York, and Cambridge of New York.

"Committee on toast—Messrs. Benton of Missouri, Trumbull of Illinois, E. Davis of South Carolina.

"A subscription paper at the barroom of the Indian Queen Tavern, the hour of assembling, 5 in the evening.

There were present at this dinner about 150 of the most prominent men of the nation at that time. The Hon. John Pickens, of Virginia, officiated as president, with a list of vice presidents as follows: The Hon. George M. Bibb, of the Hon. Levi Woodbury of New Hampshire, the Hon. Felix Grundy of Tennessee, the Hon. C. C. Cambrling of New York, the Hon. William P. Gordon of Virginia, and the Hon. W. H. Overton of Louisiana.

In addition to many members of both house of Congress and citizens of Washington, there were in the company: President Andrew Jackson and his Cabinet.

Twenty-four Regular Toasts.

Twenty-four regular toasts were offered, but, unlike the custom now prevailing, few of them were responded to by remarks. All were drunk to by each subscriber to the dinner and invited guests. The volunteer toasts were offered by President Jackson, the Hon. John Pickens, and Union H. Must and Shall Be Preserved.

The following were among the regular toasts:

"Thomas Jefferson: We celebrate the anniversary of his birth, not in the spirit of personal ambition, but in the spirit of reverence for his political principles."

"The Declaration of Independence: An enduring monument to the devotion to liberty and abhorrence of tyranny which stamped the character and marked the whole course of the nation."

"Thomas Jefferson: Author of the Declaration of Independence, of the state of Virginia, of the Bill of Rights, of the Union, and the father of the University of Virginia."

"The Kentucky Resolution of '28: Drawn by the same hand which drew the Declaration of Independence; a practical illustration of Jeffersonian republican principles and the power of the relative powers of the State and Federal governments."

Mr. Bibb's toast.

This toast was responded to by the Hon. George M. Bibb, of Kentucky, who said that it was his "good fortune to have been educated in the principles of the immortal author of the Declaration of Independence, whose fame is known in two hemispheres, whose literary attainments have attracted the admiration of the age in which he lived; whose philanthropy embraced the human race."

He concluded his remarks as follows: "That the Ruler of the Universe in His infinite wisdom and goodness will teach us the value of union and lead us to cultivate that spirit of amity, mutual defense, and concord, which the peculiarly of our political situation renders indispensable to the general welfare and that this Union may be perpetual the prayer of my heart, as it ought to be the prayer of every true American."

Mr. Bibb offered this toast: "The Federal Constitution: Charter of limits between State and Federal powers. Let us remember that the Federal Constitution will degenerate into tyranny if there be not a power to watch, support and defend them against usurpation."

There were many other toasts drunk and patriotic speeches delivered, and the dinner attended as it was by the foremost Democrats of the day, was an important event in Democratic history. The addresses and proceedings were the subject of wide discussion at the time and were regarded by the late Thomas H. Benton as so momentous that he accorded the dinner a chapter in his famous work "Thirty Years in the United States Senate."

Classic Day at Benning. The Best Horses in this vicinity will contest for the great Benning Spring Handicap tomorrow. A great contest will be seen. Don't miss this opportunity to see the best race of the season at Benning. A fine steeplechase and four other good races.

Purchase of Supplies Under Contract System

District Government Prepares to Introduce
Principle of Competition Into Buying
Hitherto Done in Open Market.

The schedule of the articles to be bought by the District for its use under contract, instead of in the open market, was completed today by Major R. D. Simms, Superintendent of Property. It shows that beginning with July 1 next, the District will purchase by one-year contracts 4,073 different kinds of articles, while during the past fiscal year only 1,768 articles were bought in this way.

The preparation of this enormous schedule of contract purchases is the result of the campaign which District Commissioner West has waged since he went into office, with the belief that such a policy will save the District thousands of dollars. He advocated contract purchases because he thought it would insure the local government getting a "square deal" on the many things it has to purchase.

From Acid to Furniture. The new schedule shows that the District will make contracts with different dealers for every imaginable article, ranging from carbolic acid to furniture for the schools. Besides the many additions of individual items to the classes of articles to be purchased by contract, an entirely new class has been introduced, which is labeled "Kindergarten supplies."

In the very beginning of the new policy \$500 of the District's funds has been saved by the method used by Major Simms in printing the lists of articles to be purchased by contract. The schedule shows that the District will submit bids for the "Kinds of articles," and prices for the kindergartens; women's stockings, horses' hides, men's shoes, castor oil, canned tomatoes, lumber, oats, meats, and tin cups.

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COLERIDGE-TAYLOR CHORAL SOCIETY

Large and Enthusiastic Audience at
Metropolitan A. M. E. Church—Last
Spring's Success Repeated.

One of the most notable musical events of the current season took place last night in the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, when the C. Coleridge-Taylor Choral Society repeated their famous choral work, "Hiawatha." This is the second presentation of "Hiawatha" given by the society in Washington, and its unquestionable success of last spring was repeated.

For several months, the society has been at work on this composition and the composer's other work, "The Ateneo," and the result last night fully justified the promise which preceded the concert. Few choral organizations could have done the composition more justly than the local society. In every detail of reading and attack, the performance was one of the best ever heard in Washington.

The chorus is composed of almost 200 negro singers of Washington, who were selected for their good voices and trained under the direction of Prof. John T. Layton. In volume and purity of tone the choruses have never been surpassed by any choral performance in the Capital City and the audience last night was enthusiastic over the fine singing.

Soloists were brought to Washington specially for this concert. They were Mrs. Kathryn Skew Mitchell, who sang the soprano solo last spring; Frederick J. York, of Nashville, Tenn., tenor, and Mrs. C. Gilbert, of Philadelphia, baritone. The accompaniments were played at two pianos by Mrs. Grace Polham and Mrs. E. Europe, with William Braxton as alternate.

Among the prominent people at last night's concert were: Commissioner West, District Macfarland, West, and Biddle, Reginald De Koven, William Bruce King, president of the Washington Choral Society; Eugene E. Stevens, Dr. Teunis S. Hamlin, the Hon. Judson W. Lyons, and the new president of Howard University, and many others.

Ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker is the beneficiary in whose interest a bill has been introduced in Congress, in a purely business transaction of the Government with his big department store in Philadelphia.

It is to authorize Col. John V. Furey, assistant quartermaster general, United States army, to issue to Mr. Wanamaker a duplicate of an original check, M. V. Furey, on July 1, 1902, upon the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia, in favor of the Wanamaker store, for \$2,221.75, and is alleged to have been lost in transmission from the office of the assistant quartermaster general in Philadelphia to Mr. Wanamaker, not having been presented for payment to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Julian H. Jenkins, 27, and Lillian M. Cook, 25, bond returned, Baltimore, Md.

Vernon E. Thorne, 27, and Esthel E. Andrews, 20.

John Curry, 35, and Sarah Smith, 29.

William Handy Knight, 21, District of Columbia, and Mary M. Mollohan, 22, Lewis county, W. Va.

Samuel Matthews, 23, and Ainsley E. Brown, 20.

Clarence E. Scott, 23, District of Columbia, and Clara V. Brown, 21, Forestville, Md.

George W. Francis, 33, and Anna Quigley, 18.

Albert D. Rush, 34, and Ethel W. Fletcher, 29.

Peter J. Riley, 42, and Mary Davis, 40.

Daniel Graves, 60, and Elizabeth McCoy, 48.

William E. Bradshaw, Greene county, Va., and Martha L. Gaston, 19, Madison county, Va.

Irving H. Dunlap, 42, and May Liver, 27, both of Baltimore, Md.

Werner L. Cook, 22, Barnesville, Va., and Ida C. Lillard, 21, Barnesville, Md.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

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RED CROSS BOOKS TO BE EXAMINED

Expert to Make Thorough
Investigation.

"NEW BLOOD IS DESIRED"

Ex-Secretary Herbert Thinks This the
Only Solution of the
Difficulty.

Whether there are any irregularities in the books of the National Red Cross Society will be ascertained at a special investigation tomorrow, when an expert procured by the committee of inquiry, of which Senator Redfield Proctor is chairman, will make a thorough investigation into the whole matter. This decision was reached at a meeting of the committee yesterday afternoon, when representatives of both the "majority" and "minority" were present.

During discussion as to a definite statement of complaints against the society, Mabel Boardman, one of the "minority," said that these specific charges could not be made until the requirements were able to see the books. This brought up a discussion as to whether an expert accountant should be employed to make this investigation, or whether the committee itself should undertake to do this. The latter proposition was rejected. The latter proposition was rejected. The latter proposition was rejected.

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ACCUSED OF THEFT, SHE MAY BE INSANE

Mental Examination Ordered for Woman
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Arraigned on two charges of larceny, Lulu B. Newall demanded a trial by jury in the Police Court yesterday. She showed utter indifference to the proceedings and her actions were sufficiently strange to prompt Judge Kimball to order an examination into her sanity.

The woman is about thirty-eight years of age, and wears a large pompadour of mixed lemon yellow and gray hair. She was dressed in a white waist and gray rainy day skirt.

Clerk Fights the Indictments charging her with the larceny of fifteen napkins, eight lace caps and four towels, valued at \$6, from Orren G. Staples, proprietor of the Riggs House, and one silk muffler, two neckties, and a hairbrush, valued at \$2, from Robert Brown. She responded to the charges in a deep masculine voice.

"Not guilty," she replied.

When asked how she would be tried, by a jury or by the judge, she waved her hand aside with her hand and said:

"I don't care. As suits you."

She was asked the question several times and finally yelled:

"I am going to trial and let me go back to sleep."

She stepped back into the dock and a marshal held her back while she said:

"Don't give me that," she said. "I guess I state that, too, so I don't want it."

Detective O'Dea informed Judge Kimball that the woman had been sent to a sanitarium twice.

NEWS FROM BOYDS.

BOYDS, Md., April 12.—The red sandstone quarries at Seneca, nine miles south of Boyds, known as the Seneca Sandstone Quarries, have again been opened temporarily by James Andrews, of Baltimore, who is saving and cutting stone for some buildings to be erected in the "buried" district of Baltimore. The stone will be taken by boat up the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Washington Junction, and there put on Baltimore and Ohio cars.

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Harriet A. Gibbs, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and three little bridesmaids, Grace Gibbs, Gladys Fearing, and Phyllis Terrell.

The best man was Dr. Richard B. Murrell, who was officiating at the altar, and the wedding music was played by Clarence White, Anderson Seeluck, and Benj. Warrick.

The couple will sail for Paris next Thursday, and after a brief trip on the Continent will go to Madagascar, where the bride is stationed as consul. The bride is a graduate of Oberlin college, and has been a teacher in the local schools for several years. Consul Hunt is a graduate of Williams College.

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